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Sir:

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant wishes to draw the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the references cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449. Copies of the references are enclosed.

With respect to patent applications, the applicants point out their duty under M.P.E.P. §2001.06(b) to disclose relevant patent applications of which they are

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aware. To this end, the applicants draw the Examiner's attention to the following patent applications:

1. U.S.S.N. 09/256,943, filed February 24, 1999, upon which the instant application relies on for its priority date.
2. U.S.S.N. 08/944,850, filed October 6, 1997; U.S.S.N. 09/287,573,
filed April 6, 1999.
2878 Hannaker Constantine
3. U.S.S.N. 09/033,462, filed March 2, 1998; U.S.S.N. 09/260,963, filed
March 2, 1999.
6210,910
4. U.S.S.N. 08/818,199, filed March 14, 1997; U.S.S.N. 09/151,877, filed
September 11, 1998; U.S.S.N. 09/450,829, filed November 29, 1999.
2874 Hung NGO
5. U.S.S.N. 09/316,154, filed May 21, 1999.
1631 Hung Kim
6. U.S.S.N. 09/189,543, filed November 10, 1998; U.S.S.N. 09/344,526,
filed June 24, 1999.
1631 Andrin Marschel
7. U.S.S.N. 09/315,584, filed June 20, 1999.
1641 Phankee Do
8. U.S.S.N. 09/425,633, filed October 22, 1999.
1651 Betty Forman
9. U.S.S.N. 09/493,741, filed January 28, 2000.
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None of the foregoing references are believed to disclose the invention as claimed. Nothing herein shall constitute an admission concerning the contents of any of the cited references, nor shall the inclusion of a reference herein be considered an admission that the reference constitutes prior art against the invention claimed in the above-identified application. Submission of the present document

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shall not be construed as an admission that a search has been made or that better art does not exist.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-67493-2/DJB/RMS/DCF).

Respectfully submitted,

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